



H.Con.Res. 390 – Honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 390 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Chris Carney (D-PA) on July 17, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 390 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 15, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 390 resolves that Congress honors the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States and directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Adjutant General of the Pennsylvania National Guard for appropriate display.

BACKGROUND

The 28th Infantry Division is a unit of the Pennsylvania National Guard. It was officially established on March 12, 1879, although some units of the Division date back to 1747, when Benjamin Franklin organized a battalion in Philadelphia.

Units of the 28th have served in the Revolutionary War, World War I, and World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. In 1996, forward observers from the 28th were called up to support North Atlantic Trade Organization (NATO) peacekeeping efforts in the Balkans. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the 28th Infantry Division has provided troops for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and provided security at Three Mile Island, a nuclear power station in Middletown, PA. In 2003, they led the NATO peacekeeping efforts in Kosovo for a six month rotation.

The 28th Infantry Division has ten recipients of the Medal of Honor, four recipients of the Legion of Merit, and 258 recipients of the Silver Star.

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